SHOOTING FORM 438A AND INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Officer Involved Shooting

Report Date:	Bureau/Station/Facility:	Admin. Invest?	Hit?
11/17/14	Palmdale Station	[redacted]	☑

Incident Information

URN: 014-16015-2617-013	Date: 11/07/14 Time: 0348
City or Station: Palmdale	Nature of Incident: Deputies responded to a suicidal person call armed with a gun. Deputies see the suspect and suspect removes a firearm from waist band and fires. Deputies return fire and shoot the suspect.
Location: 4200 Block of Rancho Vista Blvd, Palmdale CA 93551	

Location Type (check one or more):
- ☐ Backyard
- ☐ Beach
- ☐ Business
- ☐ Freeway
- ☐ Industrial
- ☐ Park
- ☐ Parking Lot
- ☑ Residence
- ☐ Rural
- ☐ School
- ☐ Street
- Other:

Lighting (check only one):
- ☐ Darkness
- ☐ Daylight
- ☐ Other
- ☑ Street Lights

Weather (circle only one):
- ☑ Clear
- ☐ Cloudy
- ☐ Fog
- ☐ Rain

Distance:

Incident Type (check one or more):
- ☐ Accidental
- ☑ Armed Person
- ☐ Fleeing Suspect
- ☐ Foot Pursuit
- ☐ Gun Take Away
- ☐ Moving Vehicle
- ☐ Sniper/Ambush
- ☐ Startle
- ☐ Struggle Involved
- ☐ Traffic Stop
- ☐ Unarmed Person
- ☐ Unintentional
- ☐ Vehicle Pursuit
- ☐ Warrant Service
- ☐ Warning Shot
- Other:

Initiated by (check only one):
- ☐ Arrest Warrant
- ☑ Call
- ☐ Observation
- ☐ One Person Unit
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Search Warrant
- ☐ Two Person Unit

Prior Activity (check only one):
- ☐ Detective
- ☐ Inmate Transport
- ☐ Other
- ☑ Routine Patrol

Aero Unit? ☐ Canine Unit? ☐

Total # of Shots Fired by Deputy	Total # of Shots Fired by Suspect
17	1

Employee Witnesses

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	ShiftTime (check only one)	ShiftType (check only one)
[redacted]	Sorrow	Scott	E	☑ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	☐ Regular ☑ Overtime ☐ Off Duty
[redacted]	Mrakich	Marc		☑ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty
[redacted]	Davis	Matthew		☑ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	M.I.			
[redacted]	[redacted]				
Street Address	**City**	**Zip Code**	**Work Ph**	**Home Ph**	
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		
Last Name	**First Name**	**M.I.**			
[redacted]	[redacted]				
Street Address	**City**	**Zip Code**	**Work Ph**	**Home Ph**	
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		
Last Name	**First Name**	**M.I.**			
[redacted]	[redacted]				
Street Address	**City**	**Zip Code**	**Work Ph**	**Home Ph**	
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		

Supervisors

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	(check one or more)
[redacted]	Mrakich	Marc		☑ On Duty ☑ Present during shooting ☑ Witness to shooting ☐ Involved in shooting
				☐ On Duty ☐ Present during shooting ☐ Witness to shooting ☐ Involved in shooting

Watch Sergeant

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Puetz	Christopher	A

Watch Commander

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Quichocho	Frank	F

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Rollout Information

Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Date Submitted	Date of Recommendation
11/07/14	0530	03/09/17	

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Carter	Quitman	V
[redacted]	Hamil	Jeffrey	F
[redacted]	Mendoza	Kimberly	

Shooting / Force Information

Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton:(Control)
(BI) Baton:(Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds:(Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds:(Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds:(Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Fireamı (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(CN) Restraint Device (Capture Net)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device:Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device:Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(SG) 37mm Stinger
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Injured

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hand
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

Brand

(AK) AK-47
(BN) Benelli
(BR) Beretta
(BW) Browning
(CH) Charter Arms
(CO) Colt
(DA) Davis Industries
(GL) Glock
(HA) Harrington & Richardson
(HI) Hi Standard
(HK) H & K
(IT) Ithica
(IV) Iver Johnson
(JE) Jennings
(LO) Lorcin
(LU) Luger
(MA) Marlin
(MO) Mossberg
(NC) NCI aka SKS
(NA) North American
(NO) Norinco
(RA) Raven
(RM) Remington
(RG) RG
(RI) RGI
(RO) Rossi
(SW) Smith & Wesson
(SR) Sturm Ruger
(SS) SIG Sauer
(ST) Sterling
(TA) Taurus
(WE) Weatherby
(WN) Winchester
(US) US Government
(YY) Handmade (Inmate)
(XX) Homemade (Non-Inmate)
(ZZ) Other Brand

Caliber

(9) 9 mm
(10) 10 mm
(12) 12 guage
(20) 20 guage
(21) .22-250
(22) .22 caliber
(23) .223 caliber
(24) .243 caliber
(25) .25 caliber
(30) .308 caliber
(35) .357 caliber
(36) 30-60 caliber
(38) .38 caliber
(40) .40 caliber
(41) .410 guage
(44) .44 caliber
(45) .45 caliber
(50) 50 mm
(SL) Slug
(WW) Other caliber

FORCE APPLIED *(one code per block)*

Used By (E# or S#)	Used Against (E# or S#)	Method (Code)	Brand (Code)	Caliber (Code)	Authorized Weapon? (Y/N)	Authorized Ammunition? (Y/N)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
S-1	E-1	FH	SW	9			NN	NN
S-1	E-2	FH	SW	9			NN	NN
S-1	E-3	FH	SW	9			NN	NN
E-1	S-1	FR	CO	23	Y	Y	GS	FA
E-2	S-1	FH	SW	9	Y	Y	GS	CH
E-3	S-1	FH	BR	9	Y	Y	GS	CH

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Involved Employee Information

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Involved Employee

E 1

Field	Value
Employee #	[redacted]
Last Name	[redacted]
First Name	[redacted]
M.I.	[redacted]
Sex	M
Race	W
Rank	Deputy
Unit Assignment	Palmdale
Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.)	261
ShiftTime (*circle only one*)	☑ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day
ShiftType (*circle only one*)	☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty
Intoxication/Drug Usage?	☐
Substance Used	
Hospital Admission?	☐
Hospital Name	
Coroner Case?	☐
Coroner Case #	
Interviewed?	☑
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting	4
Duty Time (hrs)	[redacted]
Clothing (*circle only one*)	☐ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☑ Uniform w/ Vest
Other Factors	County Double
Age	[redacted]
Height	6-1
Weight	190
Range Qualification Date	[redacted]
PPC Qualification Date	[redacted]
Laser Training Date	[redacted]
Certified with Weapon Used?	[redacted]
Patrol Certification?	[redacted]
Certification Unit	[redacted]
Prior Shootings?	[redacted]
Number of Prior Shootings	[redacted]
Directed Force	[redacted]
Weapons Fired Brand / Caliber / # Shots	Colt M-4 / .223 / 8
Weapons Fired Brand / Caliber / # Shots	
Field Training Officer Emp # / Last Name / First Name / M.I.	[redacted] / [redacted] / [redacted] / [redacted]
Field Training Officer Emp # / Last Name / First Name / M.I.	[redacted] / [redacted] / [redacted] / [redacted]

E 2

Field	Value
Employee #	[redacted]
Last Name	Suarez
First Name	Michael
M.I.	A
Sex	M
Race	H
Rank	Deputy
Unit Assignment	Palmdale
Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.)	263J
ShiftTime (*circle only one*)	☑ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day
ShiftType (*circle only one*)	☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty
Intoxication/Drug Usage?	☐
Substance Used	
Hospital Admission?	☐
Hospital Name	
Coroner Case?	☐
Coroner Case #	
Interviewed?	☑
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting	5
Duty Time (hrs)	[redacted]
Clothing (*circle only one*)	☐ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☑ Uniform w/ Vest
Other Factors	
Age	[redacted]
Height	6-4
Weight	270
Range Qualification Date	[redacted]
PPC Qualification Date	[redacted]
Laser Training Date	[redacted]
Certified with Weapon Used?	[redacted]
Patrol Certification?	[redacted]
Certification Unit	[redacted]
Prior Shootings?	[redacted]
Number of Prior Shootings	[redacted]
Directed Force	[redacted]
Weapons Fired Brand / Caliber / # Shots	Smith @ Wesson / 9mm / 6
Weapons Fired Brand / Caliber / # Shots	
Field Training Officer Emp # / Last Name / First Name / M.I.	[redacted] / [redacted] / [redacted] / [redacted]
Field Training Officer Emp # / Last Name / First Name / M.I.	

E 3

Field	Value
Employee #	[redacted]
Last Name	Auldridge
First Name	Justin
M.I.	C
Sex	M
Race	W
Rank	Deputy
Unit Assignment	Palmdale
Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.)	263J
ShiftTime (*circle only one*)	☑ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day
ShiftType (*circle only one*)	☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty
Intoxication/Drug Usage?	☐
Substance Used	
Hospital Admission?	☐
Hospital Name	
Coroner Case?	☐
Coroner Case #	
Interviewed?	☑
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting	6
Duty Time (hrs)	[redacted]
Clothing (*circle only one*)	☐ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☑ Uniform w/ Vest
Other Factors	
Age	[redacted]
Height	6-1
Weight	275
Range Qualification Date	[redacted]
PPC Qualification Date	[redacted]
Laser Training Date	[redacted]
Certified with Weapon Used?	[redacted]
Patrol Certification?	[redacted]
Certification Unit	[redacted]
Prior Shootings?	[redacted]
Number of Prior Shootings	[redacted]
Directed Force	[redacted]
Weapons Fired Brand / Caliber / # Shots	Beretta / 9mm / 3
Weapons Fired Brand / Caliber / # Shots	
Field Training Officer Emp # / Last Name / First Name / M.I.	[redacted] / [redacted] / [redacted] / [redacted]
Field Training Officer Emp # / Last Name / First Name / M.I.	[redacted] / [redacted] / [redacted] / [redacted]

Officer Involved Shooting
Suspect Information

RN:

Suspect Information

S 1

Last Name: Spargur		First Name: William	M.I. F
AKA Last Name		First Name	M.I.
Sex: M Race: W	Street Address: [redacted]	City [redacted]	State & Zip Code: [redacted]
Work Phone:	Home Phone: [redacted]	Social Security #: [redacted]	Driver's License #: [redacted]
Age: 36 D.O.B. 12/06/77	Height: 5-8 Weight: 200	FBI #	CII # [redacted]
Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☑	Coroner Case # 2014-07558	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☑	Substance Used: Alcohol
Armed? ☑	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☑	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make		Model:	Year:

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Last Name		First Name	M.I.
AKA Last Name		First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #	CII #
Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make		Model:	Year:

S

Last Name		First Name	M.I.
AKA Last Name		First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #	CII #
Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make		Model:	Year:

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Last Name		First Name	M.I.
AKA Last Name		First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #	CII #
Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make		Model:	Year:

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INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

CASE NUMBER:	**SH2370349**
SUSPECT:	**William Forrest Spargur II, MW/ 12/06/1977**
STATION/DIVISION:	**Palmdale Station/North Patrol Division**
DATE/TIME/DAY:	**November 7, 2014, 0348 hours, Friday**
LOCATION:	**4200 block of Rancho Vista Boulevard, Palmdale CA, 93551**

On November 7, 2014, Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) Lieutenant Quitman Carter, Sergeants Jeff Hamil and Kim Mendoza, responded to 30th Street West and Rancho Vista Boulevard (RVB) in the city of Palmdale, regarding a deputy involved shooting involving personnel from Palmdale Sheriff's Station (PLM). Suspect William Spargur sustained six gunshot wounds **(Exhibit A, pages 75-104)** and was pronounced dead at the location.

Detectives [redacted] and Francis Hardiman, under the command of Lieutenant David Dolson from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Homicide Bureau arrived and assumed control of the investigation. For further information refer to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Homicide case book under file number 014-16015-2617-013, **(Exhibit A)**.

Lieutenant Carter took reasonable steps to ensure involved and witness personnel did not discuss the incident amongst themselves.

SYNOPSIS:

On November 7, 2014, [redacted] (Witness [redacted]) communicated via cell phone text message and Facebook messenger for multiple hours with William Spargur (Suspect Spargur). Suspect Spargur repeatedly stated his intention of committing suicide while Witness [redacted] attempted to dissuade Suspect Spargur **(Witness [redacted] Homicide transcribed interview)**.

IAB Note: Facebook messenger is an instant messaging service and software application which provides text and voice communication. Integrated with Facebook's web-based Chat feature and built on the open protocol, Messenger lets Facebook users chat with other Facebook users both on mobile and on the main website.

At approximately 0300 hours Suspect Spargur messaged Witness [redacted] that he (Suspect Spargur) was armed with a handgun loaded with one round in the chamber. Suspect Spargur messaged Palmdale Sheriff's Station's telephone number to Witness [redacted] and asked Witness [redacted] to call the police.

Suspect Spargur provided Witness [redacted] with Suspect Spargur's location (Rancho Vista Boulevard and Maestro Lane, near a fire hydrant). Suspect Spargur messaged Witness [redacted], "I will go out suicide by cop" **(Exhibit A, page 178)**.

IAB Note: Copies of the text and Facebook messages are included in (Exhibit A, pages 124-185).

Witness [redacted] contacted the Palmdale Sheriff's Station and advised them of Suspect Spargur's intentions. Palmdale units were dispatched **(Tag-27)** at 0330 hours **(Exhibit A, pages 115-116)**. Palmdale Units 261 (Deputies [redacted] and Desiree Sanchez), 263J (Deputies Michael Suarez and Justin Auldridge), 264T1 (Deputy Matthew Davis), 262T1 (Deputy Scott Sorrow), and 260S (Sergeant Marc Mrakich) were assigned the call.

IAB Note: A CD copy of Witness [redacted]'s phone calls to the Palmdale Sheriff's Station is included in the IAB casebook as (Exhibit B).

The responding units met at 30th Street West and Rancho Vista Boulevard and a tactical plan was devised. Deputy [redacted] was designated as lethal force and assigned an M4 patrol rifle. Deputy Sanchez was assigned as the less lethal taser deputy. Deputies Suarez and Auldridge were designated as the contact/arrest deputies, and Sergeant Mrakich would have additional less lethal weapons **(Exhibit B, Palmdale Metro L-Tac radio transmissions)**.

The patrol units drove west on Rancho Vista Boulevard in an attempt to locate Suspect Spargur. The patrol units did not have an exact location for Suspect Spargur or a physical description. The units were in contact with the Palmdale Station desk attempting to receive updates either by Witness [redacted], or Facebook. Deputies from Palmdale Station were attempting to locate Suspect Spargur's Facebook page but Suspect Spargur had deleted the account **(Exhibit B, Palmdale Metro L-Tac radio transmissions)**.

Deputies [redacted] (driver) and Sanchez (passenger) were the lead radio car followed by Deputies Suarez (passenger) and Auldridge (driver), Deputy Sorrow, Deputy Davis, Sergeant Mrakich and California Highway Patrol (CHP) Unit 8940C (Witnesses [redacted] and [redacted]). As the radio cars drove west on Rancho Vista Boulevard, they stopped at the first intersection (Montellano Avenue) where Deputy [redacted] thought Suspect Spargur was. Deputy [redacted] realized it was the wrong intersection based on the information in the call of the cross street of Maestro Street **(Deputy [redacted] IAB interview page 3)**. The radio cars drove west on Rancho Vista Boulevard. Deputy [redacted] received a cell phone call from Parks Bureau Deputy Trevor King. Deputy King had driven east on Rancho Vista Boulevard approximately twenty minutes earlier and saw a male sitting by a fire hydrant near the intersection of 50th Street West and Avenue N **(Deputies [redacted] and King's IAB interviews)**.

The radio cars drove west toward 50th Street West and Avenue N when Deputy Suarez saw a man matching Suspect Spargur's description sitting on a block retaining wall near a fire hydrant west of Cricket Lane east of Brisa Drive on Rancho Vista Boulevard. Deputy Suarez advised Deputy Auldridge and Deputy Auldridge made a U-turn and parked along the south curb of Rancho Vista Boulevard, east of Brisa Drive. Both Deputies Suarez and Auldridge illuminated Suspect Spargur with their spotlights, exited their radio car and took a few steps toward Suspect Spargur **(Deputies Suarez' and Auldridge's Homicide and IAB interviews)**.

Deputy Sanchez saw the radio car behind them (Suarez and Auldridge) make a U-turn and she advised Deputy [redacted] Deputy [redacted] made a U-turn and parked in the number two lane of eastbound Rancho Vista Boulevard, adjacent to Deputies Suarez' and Auldridge's radio car. Deputy [redacted] positioned the radio car at an angle to face toward a thirty foot embankment for a backdrop. Deputies [redacted] and Sanchez illuminated Suspect Spargur with their spotlights and exited the Radio car. Deputy Davis saw the radio cars make a U-turn. Deputy Davis saw Suspect Spargur sitting on the wall. Deputy Davis stopped his radio car in the two way left turn lane of Rancho Vista Boulevard east of Suspect Spargur. Deputy Davis illuminated Suspect Spargur with his spotlight and exited his radio car.

Deputy Sorrow continued to drive west on Rancho Vista Boulevard after he passed Suspect Spargur who was walking toward the deputies. As he passed Suspect Spargur Deputy Sorrow saw deputies out of their radio cars. Deputy Sorrow then made a U-turn after he passed the parked radio cars **(Deputies [redacted] Sanchez', Sorrow's and Davis' Homicide and IAB interviews)**.

Sergeant Mrakich drove west on Rancho Vista Boulevard and saw Deputy Davis stopped east of Suspect Spargur. Sergeant Mrakich continued to drive west and saw Deputies Suarez, Auldridge, Sanchez and [redacted] parked in the number two lane west of Suspect Spargur. Sergeant Mrakich was driving west parallel with Suspect Spargur. Suspect Spargur appeared to be texting on his phone. Sergeant Mrakich saw Suspect Spargur stand up and walk in the direction of Deputies Suarez, Auldridge, Sanchez and [redacted] **(Sergeant Mrakich's Homicide and IAB interviews)**.

Deputy [redacted] was armed with a Department issued M4 rifle. Deputy Sanchez had a taser. Deputies Suarez and Auldridge were armed with their Department issued 9mm handguns. Deputy Suarez ordered Suspect Spargur to show his hands and Suspect Spargur ignored the order. Deputy Suarez again ordered Suspect Spargur to show his hands. Suspect Spargur turned toward Deputies Suarez, Auldridge, Sanchez and [redacted] As Suspect Spargur turned toward the deputies, he retrieved a black semiautomatic handgun from his rear waistband **(Exhibit B, Deputy Davis' body camera video)**.

Deputy Suarez ordered Suspect Spargur to put the gun down, as Suspect Spargur continued to walk toward Deputies Suarez' and Auldridge's vehicle. Suspect Spargur pointed the handgun at the deputies. Fearing Suspect Spargur was about to shoot at Deputies Suarez and Auldridge, Deputy [redacted] fired several rounds at Suspect Spargur. Suspect Spargur fired one round from his handgun into the air and continued to walk toward the deputies with the handgun in his hand. Deputies Suarez, Auldridge and [redacted] fired several more rounds at Suspect Spargur. Suspect Spargur fell to the sidewalk on the south side of Rancho Vista Boulevard. Suspect Spargur's handgun landed in the street **(Homicide and IAB interviews, Exhibit B, Deputy Davis' body camera video)**.

Deputies [redacted] and Davis approached Suspect Spargur. They searched Suspect Spargur and checked on his injuries. Deputy Suarez secured Suspect Spargur's handgun, and personnel from the Los Angeles County Fire Department responded to the location and pronounced Suspect Spargur dead.

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S LETTER OF OPINION:

The Justice System Integrity Division of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office reviewed the fatal shooting of Suspect Spargur by Deputies [redacted] Suarez and Auldridge. In the letter of opinion **(Exhibit C)**, dated April 1, 2016, Deputy District Attorney James Garrison concluded Deputies [redacted] Suarez and Auldridge acted lawfully in self-defense.

INVOLVED PERSONNEL:

[redacted], #[redacted] MW/31, 6-1, 190 lbs. Right Handed
Palmdale Sheriff's Station.

Date of Employment:	[redacted]
Date assigned to Palmdale Station:	
Prior Shooting Incidents:	
Prior Founded Force Incidents:	

Suarez, Michael, Deputy, #[redacted] MH/35, 6-4, 270 lbs. Right Handed
Palmdale Sheriff's Station.

Date of Employment:	07/23/2007
Date assigned to Palmdale Station:	04/06/2014
Prior Shooting Incidents:	[redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents:	

Auldridge, Justin, Deputy, #[redacted] MW/28, 6-1, 275 lbs. Right Handed
Palmdale Sheriff's Station.

Date of Employment:	03/18/2009
Date assigned to Palmdale Station:	07/28/2013
Prior Shooting Incidents:	[redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents:	

SUSPECT:

William Forrest Spargur II, MW/36, DOB: 12/06/77, 5-8, 200 lbs. (Deceased).

The Consolidated Criminal History Reporting System revealed [redacted]

Suspect Spargur's Criminal History is included in **(Exhibit A, pages 103-105)**.

DEPARTMENT WITNESSES:

Mrakich, Marc, (PLM), #[redacted]
Sorrow, Scott, (PLM), #[redacted]
Davis, Matthew, (PLM), #[redacted]
Sanchez, Desiree, (PLM), #[redacted]

NON-DEPARTMENT WITNESS:

[redacted] (CHP), MW, 2041 W Avenue I, Lancaster, 93534
[redacted] (CHP), MW, 2041 W Avenue I, Lancaster, 93534
[redacted]

SUSPECT INJURIES:

Suspect Spargur sustained multiple gunshot wounds to the head, front torso and arms. He was pronounced dead at the scene by Los Angeles County Fire Department, Paramedic David Mendoza, #[redacted], at 0355 hours.

The Los Angeles County Coroner's report under case number 2014-07558 is included in **(Exhibit A, pages 75-102)**.

EMPLOYEE INJURIES:

None

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE:

Numerous items of evidence were collected by personnel from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Scientific Services Division (crime lab). Suspect Spargur's firearm was among the items recovered and collected as evidence. Crime scene sketches and legends are included in **(Exhibit A, pages 61-65)**. A CD containing crime scene photographs with autopsy photographs is included in **(Exhibit B)**. A list with descriptions of evidence collected by the crime lab is included in the IAB case book **(Exhibit A, pages 67-74)**.

DISTANCES:

Distances of shots fired were estimated from twenty to thirty yards. Measurements by the crime lab are included in the IAB case book **(Exhibit A, pages 29-36)**.

INVESTIGATORS OBSEVATIONS:

The scene was described in detail by Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Homicide Bureau Investigators and documented with photographs. The scene description covered the entire incident and shooting location **(Exhibit A pages 38-42)**. The descriptions were consistent with the observations of the IAB Investigators who responded to the scene.

REVIEW OF RADIO TRANSMISSIONS:

Main working frequency, Dispatch-15 (timelines based off Windows Media play bar counter).

0333 hours, call dispatched, Tag-27. **(SCC call dispatch time)**.

01:00-262T1 responding code-3. **(Digital display times)**.
01:20-264T1 responding code-3.
01:28-261 responding from station.
02:30-260S responding from station.

0345 hours. **(SCC call dispatch time)**.

03:30-998 broadcast (Deputy Davis). **(Digital display times)**.
03:45-Fire Department request (Deputy Davis).
04:20-Cross street update, Fire Department request (Deputy [redacted]).

Palmdale Metro L-Tac frequency

0335 hours **(SCC call dispatch time)**.

00:41-261T1 and 261T4 coordinate response, confirm unit has a taser. **(Digital display times)**.
01:35-Units directed to meet at Rancho Vista Boulevard/Sungate Avenue. Suspect update received from Facebook from Palmdale Station desk.
03:30-Units directed to meet at 30th Street West and Rancho Vista Boulevard.

04:18-Location updated Rancho Vista Boulevard and Maestro Lane. Two streets west of 25th Street west, near Hillview Elementary School.
05:29-Units meet at Rancho Vista Boulevard and 30th Street West (Deputy [redacted]) receive information call is second hand from Facebook.
06:27-Three units at Rancho Vista Boulevard/30th Street West.
07:00-Confirm assignments (Sergeant Mrakich).
07:45-Asked for suspect description (Deputy [redacted]), Palmdale Station desk notifies Suspect Spargur's Facebook page removed.
09:23-Suspect identified as William Spargur. Suspect location updated as possibly at 50th Street West and Avenue N (Deputy [redacted]).
10:30-Suspect located and has a gun (Sergeant Mrakich), gunfire heard in background.

REVIEW OF VIDEO:

California Highway Patrol Dash Camera Video (no audio). (Digital display times).

02:39-Arrived at 30th Street West and Rancho Vista Boulevard.
03:03-Followed radio cars west on Rancho Vista Boulevard, behind Sergeant Mrakich.
03:34-Radio cars stop at first intersection (Montellano Avenue).
05:08-Radio cars initiated U-turn, illuminated suspect with spot lamps.
05:12-Suspect sitting on block wall (left side of video).
05:19-Deputies [redacted] and Sanchez stop radio car, doors opened.
05:20-Deputy Suarez walking back, to behind radio car door (left side of video), Deputy Auldridge activated his spot light.
05:25-Deputy Suarez fires, light from Suarez' firearm moves up.
05:33-Sergeant Mrakich arrived.

Deputy Davis' Body Camera (Digital display times).

00:02-Deputy [redacted] updated possible suspect location (audio).
00:43-Suspect seated on block wall, texting.
00:50-Suspect reaches into rear waistband.
00:54-Suspect walks west toward deputies. Right arm and hand extended down by thigh.
00:54-Deputy Suarez orders suspect to show hands (audio).
00:55-Deputy Suarez orders suspect to put the gun down (audio).
00:56-Gunfire (audio).
01:29-Deputy Davis advised deputies involved in a shooting requested, Fire Department to respond (audio).
01:29-Suspect down on sidewalk, handgun in street.
02:30-Deputy [redacted] removed M4.
02:57-Deputies [redacted] and Davis approached suspect.

03:00-Deputy Suarez retrieved suspect's weapon.
03:20-Deputy [redacted] searched Suspect Spargur, checked injuries.

IAB Note: A CD copy of the radio traffic and video footage is included in the IAB case book as (Exhibit B).

WEAPONS USED BY DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL:

Deputy [redacted]

Service Weapon type:	Colt M4LE, 5.56mm duty rifle.
Rounds Fired:	8
Type of Ammunition:	Department issued 5.56 ammunition.
Date Employee Last Qualified:	[redacted]
Equipment:	Class A uniform. Duty belt with handcuffs, duty weapon, two magazines, radio and OC spray. Level four tactical vest with extra M4 magazines and trauma kit and baton.

Deputy Suarez

Service Weapon type:	Smith & Wesson 9mm Semi-Automatic
Rounds Fired:	6
Type of Ammunition:	Department issued 147gr (Win) 9mm Luger
Date Employee Last Qualified:	[redacted]
Equipment:	Class A uniform. Duty belt with handcuffs, two magazines, radio, baton and OC spray.

Deputy Auldridge

Service Weapon type:	Beretta 9mm Semi-Automatic
Rounds Fired:	3
Type of Ammunition:	Department issued 147gr (Win) 9mm Luger
Date Employee Last Qualified:	[redacted]
Equipment:	Class A uniform. Duty belt with handcuffs, two magazines, radio, baton and OC spray.

WEAPON USED BY SUSPECT:

Suspect Spargur was armed with a Smith & Wesson, semi-automatic M&P9, serial number [redacted]. The firearm contained one empty magazine. The firearm was test fired and determined to be functional **(Exhibit A, pages 67-68)**.

PROPERTY DAMAGE:

None

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATORS/CHARGES FILED:

Investigators: Los Angeles County Homicide Detectives [redacted] and Francis Hardiman.

Charges: None, Suspect deceased.

LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS:

The incident took place on a cold clear night at approximately 0345 hours. The immediate area was illuminated by overhead hanging streetlamps. The area was illuminated by radio car headlamps and spotlights.

STATEMENTS:

DEPARTMENT PERSONNELL

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Homicide Bureau investigators interviewed the following Department personnel: Sergeant Mrakich, Deputies [redacted] Suarez, Auldridge, Sanchez, Davis and Sorrow. The interviews were summarized in **(Exhibit A, pages 4-18)**. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Homicide Bureau investigators provided a CD **(Exhibit B)** with the audio recordings of the interviews. IAB investigators had the interviews transcribed. For verbatim statements, see the attached transcribed interviews in the IAB case book.

Internal Affairs Bureau investigators interviewed the following Department personnel: Sergeant Mrakich, Deputies [redacted] Suarez and Auldridge. Diagrams and photographs used for each interview are included in the IAB case book as **(Exhibits D-G)**.

Deputy [redacted]

Deputy [redacted] stated he and his partner (Deputy Sanchez) were [redacted]. Deputy [redacted] heard a radio call of a possible suicidal person armed with a firearm. He and Deputy Sanchez responded from Palmdale Station.

Prior to responding, both Deputy [redacted] and Deputy Sanchez donned level four tactical vests. Deputy [redacted] (driver) and Deputy Sanchez (passenger) met with numerous other deputies and Sergeant Mrakich at 30th Street West and Rancho Vista Boulevard. A tactical plan was discussed and Deputy [redacted] was assigned as the designated shooter with a M4 patrol rifle. Deputy Sanchez was assigned as the less lethal taser deputy.

Deputy [redacted] drove west on Rancho Vista Boulevard followed by numerous other radio cars. Deputy [redacted] stopped at the first intersection (Montellano Avenue) where he thought the suspect was. Deputy [redacted] asked Palmdale Sheriff's Station desk for a physical description of the suspect or for an updated location. Deputy [redacted] was advised the information was second hand and the suspect's Facebook page had been deleted. Deputy [redacted] received a cell phone call from Deputy King advising Deputy King had seen the possible suspect at 50th Street West and Avenue N.

Deputy [redacted] drove west on Rancho Vista Boulevard when Deputy Sanchez said the radio car behind them (Deputies Auldridge and Suarez) made a U-turn. Deputy [redacted] saw Deputies Auldridge and Suarez had parked their radio car along the south curb of Rancho Vista Boulevard and had exited their radio car. Deputy [redacted] parked his radio car next to Deputy Auldridge's and Suarez' radio car with the front of Deputy [redacted] and Sanchez' car angled directly facing east toward Suspect Spargur. Deputy [redacted] stated he positioned the radio car to give him and Deputy Sanchez cover, because they were in the middle of the street.

Deputy [redacted] said Deputy Sanchez immediately exited the car. Deputy [redacted] retrieved the M4 patrol rifle when he exited the car. At this point, Suspect Spargur was standing up. Suspect Spargur walked toward Deputies Auldridge and Suarez. Deputy [redacted] saw Suspect Spargur retrieve a black semi-automatic handgun from his rear waistband. Suspect Spargur continued to walk toward Deputies Auldridge and Suarez with the hand gun down by Suspect Spargur's right thigh in a "low ready position" **(Deputy [redacted]'s IAB interview, page 4)**.

Deputy [redacted] waited to see if Suspect Spargur would drop the hand gun, but he did not remember hearing any commands. Deputy [redacted] concentrated on Suspect Spargur's handgun. If Suspect Spargur dropped the hand gun Deputy [redacted] would hold his fire. If Suspect Spargur moved the hand gun from his thigh in the direction of the deputies Deputy [redacted] was going to shoot **(Deputy [redacted] IAB interview page 12)**.

Deputy [redacted] saw Suspect Spargur bring the handgun straight up above Suspect Spargur's head and fearing for his and the other deputies lives, Deputy [redacted] fired approximately 2-3 rounds at Suspect Spargur. Deputy [redacted] saw his rounds hit Suspect Spargur's mid-section, but Suspect Spargur was able to fire his handgun. Deputy [redacted] believed Suspect Spargur fired two times straight up into the air. Deputy [redacted] believed his rounds fired, hitting Suspect Spargur, caused Suspect Spargur to fire his shots into the air. Deputy [redacted] fired another 2-3 rounds when Suspect Spargur fired his handgun. Deputy [redacted] saw Suspect Spargur fall to the sidewalk and he and Deputy Davis approached Suspect Spargur. Deputy [redacted] told Deputy Suarez to secure Suspect Spargur's handgun. Deputy [redacted] said he just wanted the gun out of the way. He knew he should have left the handgun where it landed, but he just wanted it removed **(Deputy [redacted] IAB interview page 14)**.

Deputy [redacted] searched Suspect Spargur for additional weapons and checked Suspect Spargur's injuries. Medical assistance was requested for Suspect Spargur. Deputy [redacted] is a qualified Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and it was obvious to Deputy [redacted] that Suspect Spargur was deceased **(Deputy [redacted] IAB interview page 5)**.

Deputy Michael Suarez

Deputy Suarez stated he and Deputy Auldridge were a two-person unit, and he was the passenger. Deputy Auldridge was the driver. They received a call of a suicidal man, possibly armed with a handgun. Deputy Suarez and Deputy Auldridge were assigned the handle on the call. Deputy Suarez directed the assisting units to meet at 30th Street West and Rancho Vista Boulevard to develop a tactical plan. Deputy Suarez remembered Deputies [redacted] and Sanchez along with Sergeant Mrakich being at the briefing. Deputy Suarez and Deputy Auldridge were assigned to be the contact deputies. Deputy Sanchez was assigned the taser, and Deputy [redacted] the M4 patrol rifle.

Deputies Suarez and Auldridge drove west on Rancho Vista Boulevard. Deputy Suarez saw the suspect sitting on the south side of the street. Deputy Suarez told Deputy Auldridge he saw the possible suspect as they drove past Suspect Spargur. Deputy Auldridge initiated a U-turn. Deputy Auldridge parked the patrol unit along the south curb, facing east, approximately twenty to twenty-five yards west of Suspect Spargur. Deputy Suarez exited the radio car and took a few steps toward Suspect Spargur, who was sitting on a block wall texting on his cell phone. Deputy Suarez ordered Suspect Spargur to, "let me see your hands." Suspect Spargur put the cell phone down and stood up.

Suspect Spargur walked directly at Deputy Suarez. Deputy Suarez ordered Suspect Spargur again to show his hands.

Suspect Spargur instantaneously removed a handgun from his rear waistband. Deputy Suarez ordered Suspect Spargur to drop the gun, and Deputy Suarez took a few steps back to his radio car door. Deputy [redacted] shot Suspect Spargur, and Deputy Suarez saw Suspect Spargur get hit by the rounds. Suspect Spargur continued to walk toward Deputy Suarez. Deputy Suarez believed Suspect Spargur shot one round over his head. Fearing for his life, Deputy Suarez fired 4-5 rounds at Suspect Spargur. Deputy Suarez heard Deputy Auldridge shooting also **(Deputy Suarez IAB interview pages 3 and 8)**. Deputy Suarez said Suspect Spargur fell to the sidewalk, and Suspect Spargur's handgun fell into the street.

Deputy Suarez approached Suspect Spargur with Deputy [redacted]. Deputy [redacted] told Deputy Suarez to secure the handgun. Deputy Suarez picked the handgun up, cleared it, saw it was empty, and put it in the trunk of his radio car. Deputy Suarez stated it looked like the same type of weapon Deputy Suarez carried.

Deputy Justin Auldridge

Deputy Auldridge said he and Deputy Suarez were working as a two-person car. Deputy Auldridge was driving, and Deputy Suarez was the passenger. They received a call of a suicidal man call who was possibly armed with a handgun. They met with assisting units at 30th Street West and Rancho Vista Boulevard. They discussed a tactical plan. Deputy Auldridge and Deputy Suarez were assigned to be the contact deputies. Deputy Auldridge remembered Deputies [redacted] Sanchez, Sorrow and Sergeant Mrakich at the briefing.

Deputy Auldridge drove west on Rancho Vista Boulevard behind Deputies [redacted] and Sanchez. As Deputy Auldridge drove west, Deputy Suarez told Deputy Auldridge they just passed the suspect. Deputy Auldridge made a U-turn and saw Suspect Spargur sitting on a block wall. Deputy Auldridge parked the car along the south curb of Rancho Vista Boulevard, facing east. Deputy Auldridge and Deputy Suarez exited the radio car and illuminated the suspect with their spotlights.

Deputy Auldridge heard Deputy Suarez giving Suspect Spargur verbal commands to show his hands, but Suspect Spargur ignored them. Suspect Spargur continued to text on the cell phone. Deputy Auldridge saw Suspect Spargur place the cell phone down and stand up. As Suspect Spargur stood, Suspect Spargur reached into his waistband and retrieved a handgun. Suspect Spargur walked directly toward Deputy Suarez.

Suspect Spargur lifted the handgun and fired one round at Deputy Suarez. When Suspect Spargur shot at Deputy Suarez, Deputy Auldridge fired 3 rounds at Suspect Spargur fearing for Deputy Suarez' life. Suspect Spargur fell to the sidewalk and dropped his handgun. Deputy Auldridge heard other deputies shooting, but did not see who shot.

Sergeant Marc Mrakich

Sergeant Mrakich stated he was at Palmdale Station when a call of a suicidal man possibly armed with a gun was dispatched. Sergeant Mrakich responded and met with Deputies [redacted] Sanchez, Suarez', Auldridge and Sorrow at 30th Street West and Rancho Vista Boulevard. They discussed a tactical plan and assignments. Sergeant Mrakich repeated the assignments over Palmdale's Metro L-Tac radio as the units left the briefing location **(Exhibit B)**. Sergeant Mrakich drove west on Rancho Vista Boulevard and saw Suspect Spargur sitting on a retaining wall next to a fire hydrant. Suspect Spargur appeared to be texting on a cell phone.

Sergeant Mrakich saw the first two radio cars pass Suspect Spargur and make a U-turn. The first two radio cars positioned themselves in a "felony pullover and approach position" west of Suspect Spargur. The deputies exited their radio cars and took positions behind their radio car doors. Suspect Spargur stood up and walked toward the deputies. Suspect Spargur reached into his rear waistband of his pajamas and made a "weapon drawing" motion with his hand. Sergeant Mrakich saw an object in Suspect Spargur's hand, but could not see if it was a gun. Suspect Spargur pointed the object directly at the deputies west of Suspect Spargur, when the shooting occurred. Suspect Spargur's arm continued up into the air and back down to his side. Sergeant Mrakich was driving parallel with Suspect Spargur when the shooting occurred. Sergeant Mrakich could not see who shot the rounds being fired, but heard the shots. He was talking on the radio when the shooting occurred.

Sergeant Mrakich parked behind the two radio cars and checked on his deputies. He told the deputies to secure Suspect Spargur's weapon for officer safety. Suspect Spargur's weapon was secured in a trunk of a radio car by Sergeant Mrakich and Deputy Suarez.

Deputy Desiree Sanchez

Deputy Sanchez stated she and Deputy [redacted] were [redacted] when an attempt suicide call was dispatched. Deputy Sanchez was on [redacted], and Deputy [redacted] was [redacted].

Deputy Sanchez was the passenger, and Deputy [redacted] was driving. They responded to the briefing location at 30th Street West and Rancho Vista Boulevard. Deputy Sanchez was assigned the taser if it was needed to be deployed. Deputies Sanchez and [redacted] drove west on Rancho Vista Boulevard behind Deputy Suarez and Deputy Auldridge. Deputy Sanchez saw Deputies Auldridge and Suarez make a U-turn and Deputy [redacted] followed.

Deputy Sanchez saw Suspect Spargur when their radio car stopped. Suspect Spargur was sitting on a block wall "hunched" over. Other deputies were giving Suspect Spargur commands to show his hands and to stand up. Deputy Sanchez exited her radio car and had a taser in her hand.

Suspect Spargur stood up and turned west facing the deputies. Suspect Spargur removed a black handgun from his right back area. Deputy Sanchez had little cover and dropped her taser. She ran for cover behind her radio car, simultaneously drawing her duty weapon. As Deputy Sanchez reached cover, she heard a volley of gunfire. Deputy Sanchez turned and saw Suspect Spargur fall to the ground. Deputy Sanchez did not see which deputies fired. Deputy Sanchez feared Suspect Spargur was going to shoot her or the other deputies when Suspect Spargur removed the handgun from his waistband.

Deputy Matthew Davis

Deputy Davis responded to suicidal man call. Deputy Davis met with additional units at 30th Street West and Rancho Vista Boulevard. Deputy Davis was assigned as radio person during the tactical planning. Deputy Davis drove west on Rancho Vista Boulevard and slowed down when the first two radio cars in front of him made U-turns. Deputy Davis saw Suspect Spargur on the south sidewalk. Deputy Davis stopped his radio car east of Suspect Spargur in the two way left turn lane, to avoid being in a "cross fire" situation. He illuminated Suspect Spargur with his spotlight and exited his radio car.

Suspect Spargur stood up and removed a "black semiautomatic" handgun from his right back or hip area. Suspect Spargur turned toward the deputies to his west and raised the gun in their direction. Deputy Davis took cover behind his radio car and heard gun shots. Deputy Davis saw Suspect Spargur's handgun pointed "straight" into the air and Suspect Spargur fired two to three times. Deputy Davis immediately broadcasted emergent radio traffic and assisted in approaching Suspect Spargur. Deputy Davis was wearing a body camera and a CD copy of the video is included in **(Exhibit B)**.

Deputy Scott Sorrow

Deputy Sorrow stated he was the fourth car in the line of units driving west on Rancho Vista Boulevard. Deputy Sorrow saw two radio cars make U-turns and illuminate Suspect Spargur. Suspect Spargur was sitting on a block wall on the south side of Rancho Vista Boulevard. When Deputy Sorrow made a U-turn, the shooting occurred. Deputy Sorrow did not see who shot, or the suspect's movements prior to the shooting.

Deputy Trevor King

Deputy King was assigned to Parks Bureau and had driven east on Rancho Vista Boulevard approximately twenty minutes prior to Palmdale Station's suicidal man call was dispatched. When the call was dispatched Deputy King called Deputy [redacted] via cell phone. Deputy King remembered only seeing one person out at that time, and that person was at the "Del Taco" at 50th Street West and Avenue N. Deputy King related that information to Deputy [redacted].

NON-DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL:

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Homicide Bureau investigators and IAB investigators interviewed the following witnesses and non-Department personnel: Officers [redacted] and [redacted] (CHP). Los Angeles County Homicide Bureau investigators interviewed Witness [redacted]. The Interviews were summarized in **(Exhibit A, pages 24-26 and pages 21-22)**. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Homicide Bureau investigators provided a CD **(Exhibit B)** with the audio recordings of the interviews. IAB Investigators had the interviews transcribed.

Officer [redacted] (CHP)

Officer [redacted] stated he was working a two-person car with Officer [redacted]. Officer [redacted] was driving, and Officer [redacted] was the passenger. Officer [redacted] heard Palmdale Station's suicidal man, armed with a handgun call dispatched over their scanner and responded to see if the deputies needed assistance. They followed the Sheriff's units west on Rancho Vista Boulevard. Officer [redacted] saw a male sitting on the block wall and deputies were giving the suspect commands. The suspect stood up and retrieved a handgun from his rear waistband and walked toward the deputies. The Suspect raised the handgun and fired it into the air one to two times and was shot by the deputies. Officer [redacted] stated the suspect pointed the handgun at the deputies prior to the deputies shooting.

Officer [redacted] (CHP)

Officer [redacted] stated he was working a two-person car with Officer [redacted]. Officer [redacted] was driving, and Officer [redacted] was the passenger. Officer [redacted] heard Palmdale Station's suicidal man, armed with a handgun call dispatched over their scanner and responded to see if the deputies needed assistance. They followed the Sheriff's units west on Rancho Vista Boulevard after the briefing. Officer [redacted] saw a male sitting on the block wall, and deputies were giving the male commands to drop the gun.

The suspect stood up and retrieved a handgun from his person. Officer [redacted] saw the handgun as the suspect held it down by his thigh. The suspect took four to five steps toward the deputies. The Suspect raised the handgun and fired it into the air one to two times and was shot by the deputies. Officer [redacted] remembered Suspect Spargur yelling something at the deputies as he shot. Officer [redacted] stated the deputy's simultaneously returned fire. Officer [redacted] thought part of the incident was captured by his dash camera **(Exhibit B)**.

Witness [redacted]

Witness [redacted] stated he is a long distance truck driver stationed out of Florida. He was in Illinois when he was messaging Suspect Spargur on Facebook. Witness [redacted] could tell by Suspect Spargur's messages of repeatedly saying he was going to kill himself that Suspect Spargur was going to commit suicide. Witness [redacted] attempted to talk Suspect Spargur into not killing himself, but Suspect Spargur would not listen. Suspect Spargur messaged Witness [redacted] asking him to call Palmdale Sheriff's Station so Suspect Spargur could commit "suicide by cop." Suspect Spargur messaged Witness [redacted] the phone number to Palmdale Sheriff's Station and told Witness [redacted] Suspect Spargur only had one bullet in his gun. Witness [redacted] called Palmdale Station and relayed the information. Witness [redacted] later learned of Suspect Spargur's death from the internet. Witness [redacted] stated he had never met Suspect Spargur, only communicated through Facebook and text messages. A CD copy of Witness [redacted]'s phone calls to Palmdale Station included as **(Exhibit B)**.

For complete statements made, more information, and precise wording, see the attached verbatim interview transcriptions.